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U.S. SEN. FEINSTEIN CONTINUES TO LEAD GOP PACK

Editor's note: The latest Field Poll on the 1994 U.S. Senate race in Calif. is out and it continues to show incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) with a healthy lead. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...Dianne Feinstein's campaign manager, the very savvy Kam Kuwata, is both *pleased and worried* about the newest set of survey results from pollster Mervin Field, taken Jan. 9-15 among a sample of 322 Demos, 275 GOPers and 100 other registered voters...

...Here's what it shows. DiFi has 87% name ID, of which 59% is favorable vs. 28% unfavorable. On the GOP side, former congressman Bill Dannemeyer has 21% name ID (10% favorable vs. 11% unfavorable); U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington has 14% name ID (8% favorable vs. 6% unfavorable); and Kate Squires has 9% name ID (7% favorable vs. 2% unfavorable)...

...And in 1-on-1 matches with each of these GOP rivals, DiFi beats them all by 2-to-1 margins. She defeats Dannemeyer by a 54% to 27% margin; she beats Huffington by a 53% to 25% margin; and she defeats Squires by a 54% to 24% margin. All very healthy wins for the popular former mayor of S.F., who has no serious Demo opponent in the June primary...

...Among the GOP challengers, at this point Dannemeyer is leading with 19%, followed by Huffington and Squires in single digits at 7% each. But 67% of all GOPers questioned did not have an opinion about this primary...

...Despite what this poll now shows, most sources feel Huffington will end up with the GOP nomination. It's not that he has a long and distinguished career in elective politics -- he doesn't. But he is worth about \$390 million and Dannemeyer, who has had a long career in

politics, doesn't have *deep pockets*. Regardless, the GOP primary may turn into a rather nasty & brutal affair. Dannemeyer, a hardline conservative, doesn't believe in taking POWs. And that's probably smart, because Dannemeyer's only hope is to be so aggressive that he might cause Huffington to make serious blunder during the primary --- one which would get loads of news media coverage. Sources think it's possible Republicans might get a preview of how nasty this primary might get when the GOP U.S. Senate candidates debate one another at the upcoming CRP convention, Feb. 25-27 in Burlingame...

...So why is Kawata worried??? Two things: **Complacency** and Huffington's ability to throw \$20-30 million of his own money into the race. Of the two, sources say Kawata is more concerned about complacency, especially when DiFi supporters keep telling him, "*You've got nothing to worry about.*" But Kawata reminded CALPEEK about 1992 and U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley(D-NJ) and his close call with now GOP Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. Kawata doesn't want a repeat here in Calif. Stay tuned...

THE CRIME SUMMIT: WILSON'S BIG MEDIA EVENT.

Editor's note: Scores of police chiefs, sheriffs, DAs, local & statewide elected officials are expected to attend Gov. Pete Wilson's crime summit Feb. 7 & 8 in L.A. Here is CALPEEK's update & analysis, with emphasis on "3 Strikes"...

...The First Presbyterian Community Center on North Gower Street in Hollywood is not necessarily a neighborhood you'd want to go walking in at night. But this is where Gov. Wilson will hold his 2-day conference on crime --- *the hot issue in Calif. and U.S.*...

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...Wilson, of course, will be the keynote speaker, but the news media may be more interested in seeing two of law & order's more recent **super stars** - Mike Reynolds of Fresno, author of the "The 3 Strikes & You're Out" Initiative, and Mark Klaas, father of murder victim Polly Klaas. Both are scheduled to attend the summit...

...And while there will be numerous panel discussions on various aspects of crime, much of the political discussion will focus on the different legislative versions of Reynold's "3 Strikes" initiative. As CALPEEK readers are aware, 4 different versions of "3 Strikes" have now passed the Assembly and await action by the Senate...

...In the Assembly debate on the different measures, one thing became very clear: legislators would prefer a bill drafted by one of their own, as opposed to the initiative. Why? Because sources report that Reynold's initiative is flawed in several places. Legal experts tell CALPEEK that although it was not the intent of the initiative's author to void Calif's Death Penalty, in fact, that's what some think Reynold's "3 Strikes" initiative does. Gov. Wilson is aware of this problem and is said to be **very concerned**...

...If the Reynolds initiative (in bill form it's AB 971 by Bill Jones & Jim Costa) is flawed, why not amend the bill? Because a deal was made that the Jones/Costa bill would be identical to the initiative now in circulation and it would be approved or defeated on that basis alone...

...FYI: The strongest of the "3 Strikes" bill is AB 1568 by Assemblyman Richard Rainey(R-Contra Costa County). His bill, which was drafted in part by the CA District Attorneys Assn., is described by one source as being, "The toughest crime bill to ever clear the Assembly." In the meantime, the initiative drive to qualify "3 Strikes" continues, aided in part by a \$40,000 contribution from U.S. Rep. Michael Huffington(R-Santa Barbara). Question: has Huffington tried to buy an issue for his U.S. Senate campaign??? Stay tuned...

CA EDUCATION SUMMIT SET FOR FEB. 15 - 16 IN S.F.
The Calif. Education Summit sponsored by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown will take place in San Francisco at the St. Francis Hotel, Feb. 15-16. For info call (916)445-8780...

1994 STATE SENATE RACES: TARGETED CONTESTS.
Editor's note: 1994 is a key year for Republicans in the CA State Senate because 14 of the 20 even-numbered seats that are up are currently held by Demos. The current line up for control of the State Senate stands at 22 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents. Here's our list of targets...

- **Targeted Demos** - Most sources generally agree that the following Democrats will be targeted in 1994. Of course things may change after the primary, but these are the targets as of now: Dan McCorquodale (12th S.D.); Ruben Ayala(32nd S.D.); and Steve Peace (40th S.D.). Possible targets include Mike Thompson (2nd S.D.) and perhaps Leroy Greene(6th S.D.). The GOP's best shots at picking up Demo seats are for the OPEN seats where incumbents are retiring. These include: 18th S.D.(Gary Hart); 20th S.D.(David Roberti); and the 36th S.D.(Bob Presley). The OPEN 28th S.D. isn't really the home district of Sen. Ralph Dills, but he is expected to run here. GOPers think they can take Dills if he's the nominee...

- **Targeted Republicans** - Again, most sources agree that the following GOP State Senators will end up on the target list of Demos: Maurice Johannessen (4th S.D.); and Phil Wyman(16th S.D.). There is just an outside chance that if the Demos can recruit a solid law & order type to run in Orange Co., they might target Sen. Rob Hurtt, if for no other reason than to force him into defending himself and tying up his money...

...FYI: Assemblywoman Barbara Friedman(D-Van Nuys) has decided **not** to run for Roberti's open 20th S.D. seat. Demo attorney Bob Hertzberg, who was running for Friedman's assembly job, is now testing the waters for a possible senate run. Rumors abound that State Sen. Herschel Rosenthal(D-West L.A.) wants to run here, but others say no way. Stay tuned...

L.A. COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO GIVE QUAKE REPORT.
L.A. Council Pres. John Ferraro will give a 1-month after earthquake status report on the city to Women In Public Affairs, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon luncheon, Feb. 17, Hotel Inter-Continental in L.A. For info & RSVPs, contact Leila Campos at Gannett Outdoor Co. (213)222-7171 ext. 206...

1994 UPDATE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: In mid-fall CALPEEK ran a preview story about the 56 county District Attorneys who face voters this year. L.A. & S.F. County DAs face voters in non-gubernatorial years. Here is CALPEEK's update & analysis...

...With all the tough talk about crime coming from Pres. Bill Clinton and CA Gov. Pete Wilson, this ought to be good year for DA contests. Of the 56 DAs who are up, CALPEEK has spotted 3 who won't seek reelection. They are San Bernardino Co.'s Dennis Kottmeier, Sonoma Co.'s Gene Tunney and Mariposa Co.'s George Griffith. Here's a rundown on some of the races which may get hot & heavy...

- **San Diego** - The "dean of the DAs," incumbent Ed Miller, will run for another term. He was elected in 1970 as a reformer. Before his election, he was Pres. Lyndon Johnson's appointee as U.S. Attorney in San Diego. At this point Miller has 2 serious challengers: former GOP Assemblyman and current Muni Judge Larry Stirling; and former prosecutor Paul Pfingst, who became well known for his handling of the murder case against former CHPer Craig Peyer, who murdered a young woman that he had pulled over. Miller is still popular with the deputy DAs, but has run into problems over the department's handling of a high profile child molestation case, where the defendant, Dale Akiki, was held in jail for 2 years *without bail* before trial and then was found not guilty. Even the once friendly Union-Tribune has suggested that it's time for some new leadership in the DA's office. Miller has hired consultant Bob Glaser. In order for Stirling to win, he needs to raise a credible warchest...

- **Sacramento** - DA Steve White will have his hands full with 3 challengers. They include Deputy DA Jan Scully, who has hired consultant David Gilliard and fundraiser Susan DeMars from Calif. Resource Network; Dave Druliner, another deputy DA; and former Sacto Co. DA John Dougherty. White has hired consultant Richie Ross and is hoping to raise a warchest of about \$300,000...

- **San Bernardino** - The leading candidates to succeed Kottmeier are San Berdu City Atty. Jim Penman and Deputy DA Dennis Stout...

- **Mariposa** - In the battle to replace Griffith, the leading contenders are former DA Bruce Eckerson and current Asst. DA Frank McNally. Eckerson was elected DA in 1978 and reelected in 1982 and 1986. However, he left office after 1986 and was succeeded by Bruce Gilbert. In 1990, Griffith defeated Gilbert for reelection. Why is Griffith leaving? He's been in law enforcement for 38 years and says it's time to retire...

- **Sonoma** - Likely successor to Tunney will be the DA's top assistant, Michael Mullins. There are no other candidates, so far. At the end of 1994, Tunney will have been in office for 20 years. He is the brother of former U.S. Sen. John Tunney...

- Other DAs who are seeking reelection include John J. Meehan of Alameda Co.; Grover Trask II of Riverside Co.; Edward Jagels of Kern Co.; Michael Bradbury of Ventura Co.; "Buck" Gibbon of Inyo Co.; Henry Murdock of Alpine Co.; Gary Yancey of Contra Costa Co.; Michael Capizzi of Orange Co.; George Kennedy of Santa Clara Co.; and Don Stahl of Stanislaus Co. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: 2ND MEASURE DEALING WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENTERS CIRCULATION.

Editor's note: A second statute initiative dealing with illegal immigration has entered circulation. Here's a brief overview...

- "**Illegal Immigration**," is the official title of this statute sponsored by former L.A. Co. Sup. Pete Schabarum and a group called the Coalition for Immigration Law Enforcement. Among other things, this initiative would ban illegals from receiving state unemployment insurance, disability, workers' comp and public social services. It would forbid Medi-Cal reimbursements for health care services (except for emergency medical care) and would prohibit illegals from enrolling in public schools. In addition, it would require the DMV to develop a tamperproof driver's license and ID cards showing proof of citizenship or legal resident status. The proponents have until June 20 to collect 384,974 signatures. To actually qualify for the November 1994 ballot, signatures should be submitted by April 22 to give local registrars enough time to count & verify the names. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Costa's Pot Problem** - The co-author of a "3 Strikes" crime bill, Assemblyman Jim Costa(D-Fresno), has a *major political problem* after police discovered a very small amount of marijuana while investigating a burglary at the lawmaker's condo. Costa was in Sacto at the time of the crime and he denies the pot was his. He is quoted in the Feb. 2nd edition of the Fresno BEE as saying police told him it was not uncommon for youths to "party" after they break into a home. Burglars grabbed about \$3,000 worth of stuff, including jewelry. Costa says the break in was either a drug-related crime or "someone was trying to set me up." Regardless, this isn't the kind of story Costa needs because he is preparing to challenge incumbent State Sen. Phil Wyman(R-Bakersfield) in November. Wyman is a Demo target, but with this story, it may be Costa who's got the problem...

- **Major Fight for Edwards' Seat** - There is a major primary battle taking shape in the San Jose area for the House seat of retiring Demo U.S. Rep. Don Edwards. Already announced is former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnergy. By the time CALPEEK hits up north, two more Demos will have entered the primary: Santa Clara Co. Sup. Zoe Lofgren and San Jose Councilwoman Blanca Alvarado...

- **Lockyer Elected Senate President** - No surprise, as State Sen. Bill Lockyer of Hayward was elected President Pro Tem of the State Senate. The vote was 39-0, with GOP State Sen. Rob Hurtt of Orange Co. refusing to vote for Lockyer...

BONO TO ADDRESS CALIF. LINCOLN CLUB FEB. 18.

Former Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono, now a GOP candidate for congress, will address members of the CA Lincoln Club (San Gabriel Valley chpt.), 7:30 a.m., Feb. 18, Industry Hills Sheraton. For info & RSVPs, contact Natalie Blanning (818)919-7497...

L.A. COUNCILWOMAN CHICK TO ADDRESS FORUM.

L.A. Councilwoman Laura Chick will address members of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, Feb. 23, Beverly Plaza Hotel, L.A. For info call Emma Schafer (310)445-8862...

COUNTY SUPES RACES: MORE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is the 4th in a series of stories about CA County Supervisor races taking place in June & November...

- **Orange** - A brief update. Businesswoman Haydee Tillotson, who is running for retiring Sup. Harriett Wieder's job, has hired two sets of consultants --- McNally/Temple of Sacto and Englander, Wooldridge et al of Orange Co. Her warchest of \$280,000 includes a personal loan of \$227,000. For the other OPEN seat, businesswoman Madelene Arakelian of Laguna Hills has decided to challenge Marian Bergeson for Tom Riley's job...

- **Contra Costa** - Gov. Pete Wilson has appointed Concord Mayor Mark DeSaulnier to fill out the unexpired term of Sup. Sunne McPeak, who will leave the board at the end of March. McPeak's seat is up this year and DeSaulnier will end up facing Pleasant Hill Councilwoman Sherry Sterrett, Concord Councilwoman Colleen Coll and former consolidated Fire Chief William Maxfield in June's primary...

- **Shasta** - Both incumbent supervisors Richard Dickerson, who was appointed to the board, and Patricia Clarke will seek reelection...

- **Santa Cruz** - Veteran Sup. Gary Patton, who was recently defeated in the special election to fill out Sam Farr's term in the State Assembly, will **not** seek reelection. The leading contender to replace Patton is former Santa Cruz Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt. Sup. Ray Belgard, is seeking reelection, but has a challenger in Watsonville Councilman Oscar Rios...

- **San Joaquin** - Incumbent Doug Wilhoit is stepping down and there will be a spirited battle to replace him between liberal activist Dario Marengo and Stockton Councilman Mel Panizza. As for Sup. George Barber, he is seeking another term, but could have a tough time. Former Lodi Mayor Jim Pinkerton, businesswoman Debbie Miller and businessman Preston Ledbetter are gearing up to challenge Barber, who has been on the board 16 years. Stay tuned...